Committee selected by the Sovereign from members of the two Legislative Houses and of the Moscow Munitions Committee, Professor Pares was requested to submit for the consideration of the authorities in Great Britain certain suggestions. Here is one of them. It has a special significance because it reappeared in the demand made upon the Allied Delegation in February, 1917, by both the Army and the Duma leaders. It was in essence a demand that the vaunted " common front" should be made a reality :—

" It was considered highly desirable that if possible some assurance should be given that this country is making and will continue to *Sir Bernard* make similar efforts for the supply of *menLtion™"* ^ &uss*i*an Army with munitions as it is making for the supply of its own."

Here is Professor Pares' note on the request:—

" In view of information given me at the British War Office, such a statement is no more than an assertion of existing fact; but it would carry to Russians great comfort in the difficult months which we have to expect."

Existing fact ? At that date, the summer of the great retreat (1915)9 we had supplied the Russians with hardly any munitions. The report continues :—

" . . . It is the Russian opinion that the most valuable of contributions is men and that their enormous sacrifices were substantially instrumental in saving Paris, and in giving the British Army